

23 JUN 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : James H. McDonald  
Director of Logistics

SUBJECT : Proposed Closing of the Rendezvous Room

REFERENCE : Letter dated 16 April 1976 to C/LSD from  
GSA, same subject

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/s/ James H. McDonald

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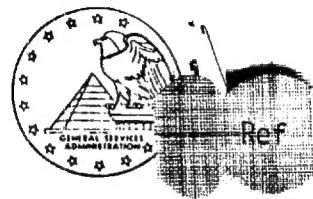
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Mr. [REDACTED]  
Chief  
Logistics Service  
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ROBERT D. MARCUS  
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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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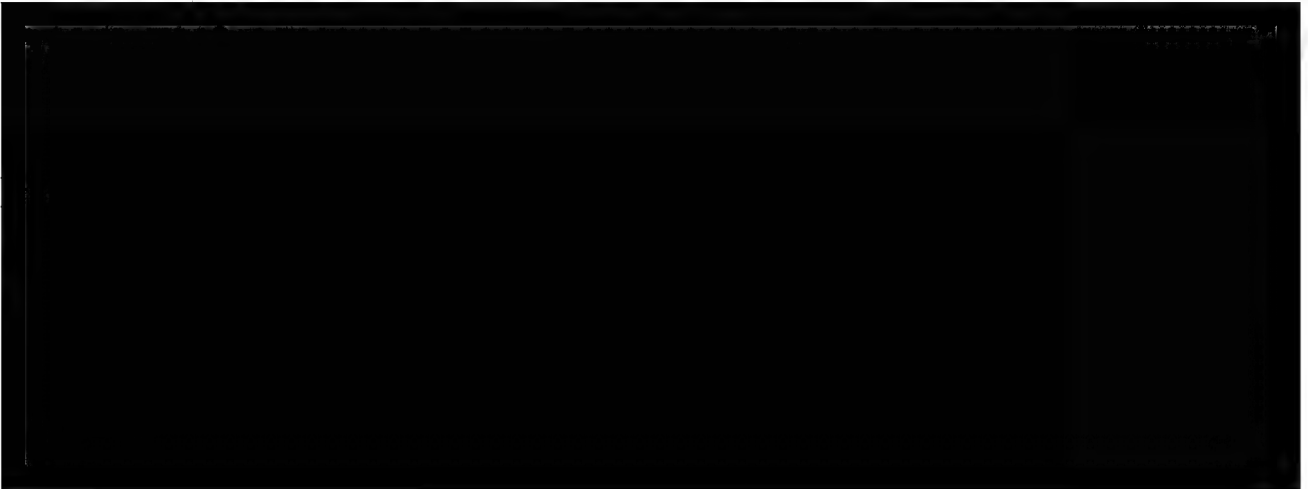
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The Building & Grounds 70

DDA 76-3659

22 July 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

STATINTL FROM : [REDACTED]  
Acting Executive Officer, DDA

SUBJECT : Closing of the Rendezvous Room and  
Reduction in North Cafeteria Services

1. Attached are the comments from the DDA Offices regarding the recommendation that the Rendezvous Room be closed and that the North cafeteria services be reduced. It is obvious that most of the DDA Offices have done their homework and their comments are thoughtful.

2. For what it may be worth, I would like to make the following points, based both on my personal opinions and comments that have been made to me by other employees.

a. The CIA Headquarters building, while not remote in the true sense of the word, is, in fact, beyond walking distance from commercial eating facilities. This being the case, CIA as an employer is under some obligation to provide eating facilities comparable, to some degree at least, to what might be available to employees in a more "normal" location.

b. At present, we have in the building: cafeteria service, which is certainly adequate; the Rendezvous Room, which offers essentially the same food, but in a considerably more pleasant environment; and vending machines for those who choose to utilize them. I believe that this represents an acceptable degree of food service variety at prices which are essentially reasonable, given today's inflationary situation.

c. While no one would argue against the elimination of services that do not carry their financial weight, such reduction should be made only when absolutely mandatory. Food service relates very directly to morale and, given the situation of the Headquarters building, assumes an above average importance.

d. GSI is, and has been for years, slightly suspect in my mind. Given their charter of providing food service for a very broad base of Government installations and given the fact that this permits them to procure food supplies and services on a mass basis, I really don't understand why they are not able to operate in such a manner so as to obtain the minimal profit that their charter authorizes. Starting with this bias, I guess it is fairly logical that I take the position that we should only very reluctantly agree to any of the recommendations for reductions in services. I feel strongly that, while cutbacks and reductions might be required, we should push GSI absolutely to the wall on this matter to ensure that any reductions are of an absolutely minimal nature.



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Attachments

Arguments can be advanced to support any of three options including leaving both facilities in operation.

a. GSI is making a profit as is. Why increase it?

b. The GSI "profit" appears to be based on current expense only. When capital equipment amortization is included, they are probably operating at a loss. This they should not be required to do.

c. North Cafeteria provides the only cafeteria service available to permanent eve shift. Why should they be deprived of this?

STATINTL d. Vending machine service, superior to that in [REDACTED], is available to shift workers. Why should North Cafeteria operate at a loss to provide additional, little used service?

e. The Rendezvous Room provides a complete main meal for lower graded employees who can ill afford such a complete meal at restaurants. Should they be deprived of this?

f. Cafeteria service is available at all times. Why should this be supplemented at a loss? We pay lower graded employees enough that they needn't starve.

STATINTL I suspect it is too late to make a strong pitch for status quo, however, feel that mention should be made of this possibility. [REDACTED] is the prime user of either facility. The [REDACTED] vote and that of the majority of the senior staff is to retain after-hour service in the North Cafeteria at, if necessary, the expense of closing the Rendezvous Room. The attached memo is for signature if you agree.

20 July 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DDA


FROM : Thomas B. Yale  
Director of Finance

SUBJECT : Proposed Closing of the Rendezvous Room

REFERENCE : Memorandum to DD/A from D/Log dtd 23 June 1976,  
same subject

In response to your request, Office of Finance personnel were queried with regard to either closing the Rendezvous Room and/or restricting the services in the North Cafeteria. The latter action has no impact on Office of Finance employees; however, we would prefer that the Rendezvous remain open. We are in complete agreement with paragraph 5. of referenced memorandum and concur in the recommendation that the proposal to close the Rendezvous Room be denied.

STATINTL

  
for Thomas B. Yale

ODP 1445-76

20 JUL 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DDA

FROM : Clifford D. May, Jr.  
Director of Data Processing

SUBJECT : Proposed Closing of the Rendezvous Room

REFERENCE : Your cover sheet notes dtd 13 July 76 on  
Memo fm OL to DDA dtd 23 June 76, same  
subject (DD/A 76-3159)

1. My staff and I have reviewed GSI's and OL's proposals regarding food service in the Rendezvous Room and North Cafeteria. Following is the ODP position:

a. Evening and Saturday North Cafeteria service should be continued. Discontinuing this service would work a hardship on ODP personnel. This Office operates two computer centers in Headquarters 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but evening and weekend work is not limited to operators assigned to shift work in these centers. Applications programmers and analysts frequently work evenings and weekends to complete projects on time. Systems programmers and equipment specialists routinely work in the evenings and on weekends to gain access to computers during non-prime time. We also expect to expand GIMS service to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to satisfy requests from Agency offices involved in Crisis Management. Our personnel fully utilize the available evening and Saturday services. Elimination of these services would result in lost time and require additional staffing because of personnel who would leave the Headquarters compound to eat at area restaurants. The Office of Data Processing is strongly opposed to eliminating evening and weekend food service. If anything, it should be expanded.

b. Rendezvous Room service should be discontinued if it cannot support itself. We agree that the Rendezvous Room is a nice facility, especially for entertaining official and non-official guests. But, this service is not essential to the well being of Agency personnel. Perhaps close monitoring to prevent abuses would make

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this a paying proposition. If not, close it or move it to [REDACTED] where it would be most welcome (and save employees time traveling to [REDACTED] restaurants).

2. In summary, ODP recommends continuing and possibly expanding evening and weekend cafeteria service and discontinuing Rendezvous Room service unless it pays for itself.

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19 JUL 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer to the DDA  
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FROM : [REDACTED]  
Executive Officer, OL  
SUBJECT : Proposed Closing of the Rendezvous Room  
REFERENCE : R&RS dtd 13 July 76 fm EO/DDA to D/L,  
same subject


Regarding the impact on Office of Logistics (OL)  
personnel of either closing the Rendezvous Room and/or  
restricting the services in the North cafeteria, OL division  
chiefs at Headquarters believe the impact would be minimal.

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19 July 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DD/A  
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FROM :   
Executive Officer, Office of Medical  
Services  
SUBJECT : North Cafeteria and Rendezvous Room  
REFERENCE : Your Routing and Record Sheet, dtd 13 Jul  
76, re Limiting Services in the North  
Cafeteria and Rendezvous Room

Eliminating the evening and Saturday service of the North Cafeteria will have no adverse effect on Office of Medical Services personnel; however, we feel that Agency personnel who are engaged in shift work are entitled to a hot, balanced meal and should not be forced to leave the premises in order to obtain it. The Rendezvous Room is used quite often by OMS personnel; it is also utilized whenever we have applicants in for pre-employment interview and pre-employment processing and to entertain guests. In our opinion, the North Cafeteria is not an acceptable substitute, and we would like to see the Rendezvous Room remain open.

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21 JUL 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DDA

FROM : Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

SUBJECT : Proposal to Limit Service in the  
North Cafeteria and the Rendezvous Room

1. In response to your request for our comments concerning the impact of closing the Rendezvous Room or restricting the services in the North Cafeteria, the following information is forwarded for your consideration.

Shift-work officers from this Office do not normally eat their evening meals or Saturday meals in the North Cafeteria, so little or no adverse effect would be felt by them.

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[REDACTED] was queried regarding the effect of the proposed actions on his Federal Protective Officers. [REDACTED] advised that at least 20 officers on an average dine at the North Cafeteria each evening and that approximately 15 officers will dine there on Saturdays. He felt very strongly that the closing of this facility would pose a hardship for those officers since their dinner break does not provide enough time to go off the compound to obtain food services. During the course of this conversation [REDACTED] also advised that he felt at least an identical number of other GSA service personnel in the building participate in evening and Saturday meals. (Mr. James Ward, GSA Building Manager, was contacted later and he advised that at least half of his evening force of 80 employees usually get their evening meals at the North Cafeteria.)

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Closing the Rendezvous Room would have no direct effect on any of the above individuals nor would it enable us to remove the Federal Protective Officer from his post in front of the Rendezvous Room since he must continue to prevent outside visitors to the North Cafeteria from having free access to the Headquarters building.

2. Setting up a canteen area in the North Cafeteria space to meet evening and Saturday food requirements would require some Physical Security alterations inside the cafeteria area to ensure adequate controls and to protect the kitchen stores from pilferage since, under current practices, we lock the outside cafeteria doors when the area is not in use. These alterations (e.g., roll down grill work) could cost as much as \$5000.

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Robert W. Gambino

Office of Training

Closing of Rendezvous Room: [REDACTED], OTR,  
advises that the Office of Training goes along with  
Mr. McDonald's recommendations; i.e., not to close  
the Rendezvous Room but discontinue evening and  
Saturday service in North Cafeteria.

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM:

Director of Personnel  
5E58 HQ

EXTENSION

NO.

DATE

21 JUL 1976

DD/A Registry

76-3606

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S  
INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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Bob:

We have solicited comments on the proposals to limit service in the North Cafeteria and the Rendezvous Room. We are generally in agreement with the recommendation to discontinue evening and Saturday service in the North Cafeteria. With vending machines available, we do not feel that this would pose a big problem to our employees. We believe that the Rendezvous Room is important to the Agency, especially when one wishes to entertain guests whom he may not want to take to the Executive Dining Room or the more pedestrian atmosphere of the North and South Cafeterias.

F. W. M. Janney

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